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Children's Education

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois schools will be receiving hundreds of millions of dollars for improvements.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: Lake Land College Board of Trustees will consider appointing a permanent president. Scott Lensink, who has been serving as interim president, is most likely the candidate.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois student athletes will be subject to random tests for performance enhancing drugs. IHSA has yet to determine who they will test and how they will administer it.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois is offering free college prep testing programs to public school districts in the state. These tests are all voluntary.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: Scott Lensink was named Lake Land's sixth president at the board of trustee's.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: Neoga schools superintendent, Debbie Poindexter, announces her resignation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: The Casey-Westfield school district shut down a portion of their 91 year old building after being declared unsafe.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: Arcola school board has selected a new interim Superintendent. Richard Wilson has been chosen for the position.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: Parkland College Board of Trustees voted last night to appoint Dr. Thomas Ramage as president of Parkland College in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: University of Illinois students will pay more to live on campus starting this fall. Prices are being raised due to increasing costs for operations and maintenance.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: Martinsville High School senior Harry Downy has been working in conjunction with his teacher, Mark Kannamacher, on blue prints for the new Clark County jail. The design has been approved and the County Board is looking for an architect to make the design a reality.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: The University of Illinois is constructing a 23 million dollar residence hall. It will be a green building using geothermal system to heat rooms and water.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: The Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute is calling the release of personal information and names of nearly 2000 students to be an accident.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Lovington school district has new restrictions for cell phone usage during school hours. They can only be used when students are outside of the building before and after school hours and during lunch.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Construction of a new wing at the Casey-Westfield High School is still at a stand.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: Mattoon School board has selected a new principal for the Mattoon High School; Michele Sinclair became Mattoon High School's first woman principal.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: Weather has caused the cancelations of classes at Lake Land College tonight.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: Today was Bring your tractor to school day and many students of Charleston High School participated in the event.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: Coles County Sheriff's Department reported about 20 accidents today in the County. One such accident involved 5 cars at exit 190 near the Charleston turn off.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08
Source: L

Description: Robinson School Board officials have decided that the Robinson High School field house will be demolished this summer. The site is considered a historic site too many residents of Robinson.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08
Source: L

Description: Starting next year Indiana State University students will pay more for room and board. Rates will increase between 4 and 5.5 percent.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08
Source: L

Description: Tuition is going up for students at Lincoln Trail College in Robinson. Annual costs will rise about 90 dollars. Several other local colleges are also raising their tuition to meet state standards.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08
Source: L

Description: Lake Land College receives 45,000 dollars to help them with efforts to go green. Funds are coming from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08
Source: L

Description: The Parkland College board of trustees approved a tuition hike effective this summer. The increase will range from 5 to 20 dollars depending on residency.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08
Source: L

Description: A Crawford County school district is trying to secure safety inside by monitoring those outside of their school. The final piece of a state of the art security system has been installed. Currently the system is installed in the high school, middle school, and Lincoln elementary.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08
Source: L

Description: Parkland College is hosting a series of town hall meetings all over the area. It is geared to helping the areas turn their big ideas for community improvements into reality.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08
Source: L

Description: Todd Vilardo is to become the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Charleston School District.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08
Source: L

Description: Champaign unit four schools have voted unanimously to move forward with an alternative school for non-traditional students.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08
Source: L

Description: University of Illinois students could see a raise in the cost of tuition for the next school year. The Board of Trustees is considering an 8% increase in tuition.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: The fee hike at University of Illinois has been approved by the board of trustees. This is the first time that the cost of attendance has raised about \$20,000.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/27/08

Source: L

Description: Students at U of I now want to know where the extra money from the tuition increase is going and why they had to have the increase.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/27/08

Source: L

Description: Plans to demolish a historic gym in the Robinson School district are opposed to by many residents but the school board is still looking for a contractor to demolish the building.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/27/08

Source: L

Description: Students at Tuscola High School may see an increase in graduation requirements. Requirements may rise from 20.5 to 22.5 credits starting with the graduating class of 2011.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: A local university is being recognized for its global campus. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has been recognized as having more international students than any other public university in the United States.

Weather Issues

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Flooding in Pontiac is being blamed for the death of a 36 year old man.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Heavy rain from earlier this week is causing major flooding throughout the state.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: In Piatt County, high water has force the county Emergency Management Agency to close the Shady Rest Road and 1300 East County Road.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Flooding has caused the governor to declare two counties disaster areas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: Road closures in Piatt County continue to force drivers to make detours.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08
Source: L
Description: Several local school districts canceled school today due to the cold.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08
Source: L
Description: People in Hutsonville are still cleaning up after storms on Tuesday which brought 50 mph winds to the area.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08
Source: L
Description: Officials are urging people to stay off the roads tonight and prepare for possible snow accumulation in the double digits.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08
Source: L
Description: The Champaign County court house will be closed tomorrow because of the weather. They are also considering implementing the city's emergency snow route policy.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08
Source: L
Description: The City of Champaign is suggesting that it might be a good time to put together a home and car emergency kit.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08
Source: L
Description: State wide IDOT has deployed 1700 plow trucks over the night to ease the morning commute after snowfall from 2 pm yesterday afternoon. The Illinois State Police have reported that there have been 45 crashes in the area with reports of at least 70 cars in ditches.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08
Source: L
Description: Local officials are reminding residences that enjoying the winter weather is fine, but it is important to have an emergency kit in your car and home.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08
Source: L
Description: Winter storms have dropped several inches of snow on Effingham County. 30 crashes were reported by the state police.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08
Source: L
Description: Mother Nature has dropped close to a foot of snow in a short time but Champaign residence will have a week to clear their sidewalks in the area of the city that is required by the city to remove snow from the sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08
Source: L
Description: The entire WEIU viewing area was under a dense fog advisory today. There were many accidents due to weather conditions.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: The Embarrass River and its creeks are at the breaking point. It has caused several roads to close in Villa Grove.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: Heavy rainfall has caused problems in Piatt County. A flood warning is in affect for Piatt County because of the swollen Sangamon River.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: Saint Joseph residents are at ease after several days of flooding. The waterway known as the Salt Fork has now returned to under the flood stage.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: The National Weather Service is warning residents along the Wabash River to watch for flooding over the next few days. Several inches of rain and rapidly melting snow are causing flooding problems for some local waterways.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: Yesterday state conservation police and boats were sent to Villa Grove in Douglas County to help stranded drivers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Flooding along the Wabash River will continue until at least Friday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: The National Weather Service has stated that flooding along the Wabash River will continue until Friday, for detailed information log onto weather.gov.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Icy roads this morning caused problems for drivers all over east central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: Two to four inches of snow is possible along with a ¼ inch of ice. Highway officials say that they have to lay down more salt to compensate for the accumulation that is going to hit us.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: Campustown and downtown Champaign businesses and residents have until Wednesday to clear their sidewalks was regulated by the ordinance which Champaign passed before the beginning of the year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: The public is invited to view Saturn and its rings starting at 8 at the Eastern Illinois University observatory.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Weather has caused several accidents on I-74 and I-57. Only one minor injury was reported.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Snow forced Champaign to activate its snow removal ordinance and people have until noon Friday to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their residence or business.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Last month was declared the wettest February in more than 100 years. More than four inches of precipitation, which is two more than the average.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: The State of Illinois is offering a dry place to stay for residents displaced by flooding. Governor Rod Blagojevich announced that campsites at state parks in Southern and Central Illinois will be available free of charge to people affected by flooding.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Hundred of flights have been canceled after a spring time snow storm in the Chicago land area. The National Weather Service says a winter storm advisory is in effect until early tomorrow morning. As much as nine inches of snow is expected in various parts of the state.

Farm Issues

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture says growers brought in a record crop last year with 2.28 billion bushels of corn in 2007 and 13.2 million acres planted.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: This year people who exhibit livestock at county or 4-H fairs are required to have a premise identification number for all exhibits. The I.D. number will provide information on where the livestock was produced, raised, and kept.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: Some new rules are in place for livestock at any 4-H or county fairs this summer. A new premise identification number is required.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Safe Electricity officials want farmers to be aware of electrical hazards this planting season.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Spring planting is being put on hold do to unseasonably cold weather and heavy rainfall.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Agriculture will be setting up hundreds of traps around Illinois to catch the Emerald Ash Borer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/28/08

Source: L

Description: Less corn will be planted; instead farmers will be likely planting soybeans. The shift is because of the high prices of soybeans on the market and the high corn growing costs.

Minority Issues

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign graphic artist Jack Davis sued the U of I Board of Trustees last month to regain control of the image he created nearly 30 years ago. The school did away with the chief mascot last year after being sanctioned by the NCAA.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: Friday, the Cities of Champaign, Urbana and the Champaign County Board would like to invite you to attend a celebration honoring one of our Country's most influential people at the 7th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. countywide celebration.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University is inviting you to its annual march and candlelight vigil to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festivities start at 6 in the Thomas Residence Hall Lobby.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Tonight, Eastern Illinois University is hosting a March and candlelight vigil to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: A seminar is planned for February 28th at the Macon County extension office in Decatur about crop insurance. There is a ten dollar registration fee.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: U of I students are not ready to let go of their retired mascot. A majority of students voted yes in a campus election if the Chief should be brought back.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08
Source: L
Description: Today is Good Friday and this Sunday is Easter.

Economic Climate

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08
Source: L
Description: The U.S. Department of Energy is worried the 1.8 billion dollar price tag on the FutureGen plant is getting out of hand. The price for the project has nearly doubled in the past four years.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08
Source: L
Description: FutureGen officials return to Coles County to continue work to bring the project to Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08
Source: L
Description: An Indiana company, Harlan Bakeries, plans to buy a Krispy Kreme doughnut plant in central Illinois that closed late last month.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08
Source: L
Description: Last night, the Shelby County board approved a request to build a few family cabins around Lake Shelbyville. They will be part of Wolf Creek Lodge.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08
Source: L
Description: Workers at a steel processing plant in Terre Haute will find out if they are losing their jobs. City officials believe the company is cutting back do to financial reasons.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08
Source: L
Description: FutureGen developers say they are willing to re-negotiate their deal with the Energy Department to address cost worries.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08
Source: L
Description: The Associated Press has learned that developers of FutureGen have offered to assume most of the project costs.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08
Source: L
Description: Metritech, a Champaign based company, is looking to hire between 600 and 700 part time processors and scorers for SATs starting in February.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08
Source: L
Description: Area representatives hope to meet with Secretary of Energy, Samuel Bodman, to discuss the future of FutureGen. Governor Rod Blagojevich is calling on his fellow governors for support in keeping the plant within Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: A pharmaceutical plant in Terre Haute is eliminating hundreds of jobs. Pfizer Global Manufacturing President Nat Ricciardi says 660 jobs will be cut following the company's decision to discontinue making of Exubera, an inhaled insulin drug.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Plans for another new building in the Mattoon Marketplace are underway.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: The Energy Department is frustrated by the ballooning costs associated with the planned 1.8 billion power plants.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: The U.S. Department of Energy officials have said no to the futuristic coal plant FutureGen. Even a last ditch appeal to President Bush aboard Air Force One by Illinois congressmen was unsuccessful.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: The FutureGen Alliance board plans another visit to Mattoon. They are coming to continue to discuss efforts to bring the technologically advance power plant to the area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Some new stores are opening at the Tanger Outlet Mall in Tuscola will bring new jobs to the area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: State and local officials are putting figures and statistics aside and looking at more personal reasons why funding for FutureGen was derailed. Local congressmen and the FutureGen alliance are looking for other ways to fund the project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: FutureGen Alliance is planning a town meeting for next Tuesday to talk with the community about the efforts being made to bring the power plant to the area. The meeting will be at six at the Arland Williams Junior elementary sch

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: Progress is underway on another power plant scheduled to come to east central Illinois. Federal regulators struck down an appeal made by the Sierra Club of Illinois which stated that the EPA failed to take enough steps to limit the projects global warming emissions.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: If you want to find out more about possible rate increases in electric and gas bills you may want to attend this event. Illinois Commerce Commission will hold a hearing on Ameren's latest request for a rate increase.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: FutureGen developers returned to the area to continue their fight to bring the 1.8 billion dollar power plant to Mattoon. The U.S. Department of Energy was going to front 75% of the plant but no longer supports the project because of expense.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: Members of the FutureGen Alliance say they still believe they could not have picked a better site to start the future of clean coal power plant. Developers say they'll try to work with the White House and Energy Department to get the project back on track.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: Two days of meetings in Mattoon have ended with a pledge from FutureGen developers to continue pursuing the project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: After the Pfizer pharmaceutical plant closure a new company is bringing 60 jobs back to the Terre Haute area. Applied Extrusion Technologies announced today that it is consolidating its manufacturing operations to its Terre Haute plant.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: A special meeting is scheduled tonight in Decatur about Ameren's latest request for a rate increase.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: Duckwall-ALCO Stores announced this week that their Johnstowne Mall location in Shelbyville is going out of business. Roughly twenty people will be losing jobs because of the closure.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: State Lawmakers are looking at ways to offer refunds to the central Illinois communities that invested in the FutureGen project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: The U.S. Department of Energy says as they're concerned the power plant known as FutureGen scheduled to come to Mattoon is dead.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: For those who are trying to do their taxes on their own and need some help the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or VITA may be your answer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: The U.S. Department of Energy will solicit bids this spring for its plan to restructure the FutureGen project in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County air show won't happen this summer. The Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul has called off the event do to financial reasons.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Sony Corporation plans to invest more than 100 million dollars in new equipment to upgrade its Terre Haute plant. This new investment will create at least 65 new jobs.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: Coles County city is out of the running for a new manufacturing plant. Coles Together President Angela Griffin says she was notified late last month that Mattoon was not going to be selected for the site of a manufacturing plant.

CRIME

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Arrests are pending after a stabbing in Mattoon. Police say they were contacted by a man who says he stabbed the victim in self defense during an attempted robbery.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign man has been charged with murder after a shooting last month at the American Legion.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Authorities say the owner of 3 horses that died of starvation in Piatt County has been charged with animal cruelty.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: A Macon county man was sentenced to 2 years in jail after pleading guilty to animal torture charges.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: An Edgar County man convicted of killing a Paris woman in 1986 could be set free tomorrow. Prosecutors filed a motion to drop charges against 61 year old Herb Whitlock.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: the trial for a Piatt County teacher accused of criminal sexual abuse has been postponed.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: An Edgar County judge told Herb Whitlock he's a free man.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: An arrest has been made following a stabbing in Mattoon. Police at this time, though, are not releasing the name of the person under arrest.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: Herb Whitlock spent his first night as a free man in more than 20 years. Whitlock is expected to file a civil lawsuit within a month for compensation for the past 20 years spent in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: Two arrests have been made after a stabbing in Mattoon. 18 year olds Aaron Jordon and Cody Parsons were arrested for attempted robbery and aggravated battery.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: A Charleston man returns to court next month on animal neglect charges. Ernest Rose faces 45 charges including improper disposal of animals, violations of owners' duties and failing to provide food, shelter and veterinary care for the animals.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign attorney faces charges after authorities say he carried a loaded gun into the courthouse. 80 year old Richard Paterson pleaded not guilty to a charge of unlawful use of a weapon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: A phone scam has been discovered by the Coles County Sheriff's department where a person representing the retired State of Illinois Police officers lodge is asking for money.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign county man charged with the attempted murder of two Champaign police officers has been found not guilty by reasons of mental insanity.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: A federal grand jury in Urbana has indicted a man in a prison work-release facility for a drug trafficking operation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Police say two oil tanks near Oblong were opened causing a spill of nearly 30 gallons of crude oil. Crime stoppers are offering a \$500 reward for information and Ross Oil Company is offering \$2,000.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: Authorities say a Paris man could have been released earlier from prison had he been on death row. Convicts facing the death penalty are guaranteed legal resources.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: A former Vigo County employee and mall Santa has been sentenced on child molestation charges.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: A South Carolina man has been arrested in Terre Haute after he says he faked his own death to avoid drug charges.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: A Coles County man has learned that he has to go through another trial with similar charges from his previous one which he was convicted. Thomas Rinehart of Mattoon is facing child pornography and criminal sexual assault.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: A Chicago man is facing charges after the Effingham County Sheriff says he attacked to correctional facility officers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: A South Carolina man who faked his death and fled to Terre Haute has been formally charged with counterfeiting thousands of dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville park district officials are buying into different ways to keep at least one park in town vandal free.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: A local bar's liquor license will be suspended for several weeks after authorities say they allowed minors into their business. Charleston Mayor and City Liquor Commissioner John Inyart says Jerry's Pizza and Pub's liquor license will be suspended for three weeks.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: A Danville man is sentenced today for his involvement in a crash that killed his two children. Keith Heer pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence and today was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: Fire crews were sent to Effingham Park District where they found the announcer booth at the west diamond on fire. At this time the fire is being ruled as suspicious and they continue to search for leads.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date for a man accused of attacking a Charleston woman has been postponed. Another status hearing on the matter is set for January 24th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: A Terre Haute man is facing charges after authorities say he raped a 15 year old girl. 33 year old Ryan Richards faces charges of rape and sexual misconduct with a minor.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: The high cost of copper has made some copper thieves turn to new, quicker sources. If you notice anything suspicious happening around railroad crossings, contact your local police or sheriff's department.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: Officials are still working the make an arrest in the case involving a fire at Hendelmeyer Park in Effingham.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date, for the man accused of attacking two correctional officers in the Effingham county jail, has been set. Willis Jefferson's jury trial is set for March 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: The man involved in a vehicle crash that authorities say killed a Dieterich soldier has pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated DUI. 22 year old Justin DeJaynes entered the plea today at a pre-trial hearing. His sentencing is set for April 2nd.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign officials will have to wait another month to continue in the case of a Sadorus man charged with first degree murder. Prosecutors are still waiting for forensic lab reports.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: A jury trial is set to start tomorrow morning for a Decatur man accused of hitting a Macon County Deputy. 43 year old James Smith has been charged with aggravated battery, disarming a peace officer, and retail theft.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: Officials are still working to make arrests after a fire at an Effingham baseball diamond.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: The bond has been modified for a former elementary school teacher accused of sexual molestation. McClean County circuit clerk says Jon White will be allowed to have supervised visitation with his children.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: Two more students have been sentenced in a case involving bomb threats in Macon County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: A Mansfield man pleads innocent to charges of animal cruelty. Richard Pagel will return to court for a pretrial hearing in March.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: A Mattoon man remains in jail tonight accused of sexually assaulting a juvenile. 39 year old Dennis Vannoy was arrested on charges of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child. He is specifically accused of assaulting a 10 year old female who was under his care.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: 43 year old James Smith is accused of hitting deputy Daniel Burris has pleaded guilty aggravated battery while the other charges had been dropped.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: Urbana police are releasing few details on a shooting they're calling a homicide. The victim has been identified as 34 year old Paris Thompson of Urbana.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: A man accused of severely beating a Charleston woman returns to court today to see what potential evidence will be subpoenaed for its use against him.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal on his racketeering and fraud conviction. A 37 page petition to the Supreme Court saying jury deliberations at his trial were severely flawed.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: The Ingram Waste Disposal Company called police after they discovered a body in a dumpster at the Cherry Street apartments in Marshall. At this time authorities are not releasing any names and very few details.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: Effingham park officials are still waiting to decide if they'll rebuild after a fire at a baseball diamond.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: A picture of the victim that was found in a trash dumpster has been released. Clark County Coroner Greg Hosch says a weekend autopsy shows the victim was stabbed in the chest. At this time, the identity of the victim is unknown.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: 36 year old Robert Martin was in court today on charges related to the death of Nikolle Steelman. Steelman died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: 39 year old David L. Scott has been released from after more than two decades behind bars for a brutal slaying of Loretta Keith. DNA evidence shows that Kevin Mark Weeks of LaGrange, Kentucky was the person who killed Keith with a hydraulic jack.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: Several Central Illinois families are preparing their children to testify against one of their former teachers, Jon White, in the Champaign County Court for molestation of nine students while he taught at Thomas Paine Elementary School in Urbana.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Edgar County authorities are still investigating the killings of two men found dead in a Chrisman home.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Edgar County officials are saying there is no connection between the double homicide and the body found in a dumpster earlier this week. No leads have been discovered because the identity of the victim is still unknown.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Three people are facing charges in Paris after authorities are saying they committed several home burglaries. Police say Scott Pine, Jonathan Campbell, and Michael Griffin have been burglarizing homes for the past two months.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville park officials have decided on one way to try to stop vandals from plaguing Manners Park. Speed bump purchases are being considered to stop drag racers from racing through the park.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: Vigo County Coroner says two Edgar County men killed in a rural Chrisman home Monday were killed by multiple gunshot wounds.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: A central Illinois man has lost his latest attempted to get his murder conviction overturned for the drowning deaths of three young children in Clinton Lake.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: A Shelby County man remains in jail tonight after allegedly downloading pornographic pictures of children. Forrest Mosley of Shelbyville was arrested Tuesday. A family member called authorities to let them know Mosley was using the internet to download pictures of children.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: Macon County authorities say they have taken 19,000 dollars worth of cocaine off the streets of Decatur. 190 grams of cocaine, a handgun, and nearly 9,000 dollars in cash was seized.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Officials are still working to prosecute the man they say was responsible for the death of a Decatur teen. Christopher Graves is one of three men facing first degree murder charges and was in court of a pre-trial hearing.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Prosecutors expect a central Illinois man convicted in the drowning deaths of three young children to take his case to the state Supreme Court. Maurice LaGrone, Jr. was convicted of first degree murder for the 2003 deaths of the children of his then girlfriend Amanda Hamm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Sentencing hearing for 43 year old Anthony Fletcher, who was accused and convicted of making child pornography, will be in May.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: A July jury trial has been set for Kentucky man accused of killing a West Terre Haute woman in 1984. 44 year old Kevin Mark Weeks was formally charged Thursday in Loretta Keith's death. David Scott, who was originally convicted of the crime in 1985, was released Monday from prison in light of DNA results.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: It has been a week since two men were gunned down in Edgar County and no one has been arrested for the crime. Anyone with any information please contact the Illinois State Police immediately.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: The murder trial for Emil Garver has been pushed back.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: The FBI says be weary, cyber criminals are sending emails with messages asking for personal information that is spam.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: Weather is making it extremely difficult for police in Champaign County who are looking for a missing handgun. The gun has been missing since last Thursday after an off-duty Urbana Police officer left the loaded weapon on top of his car and drove off.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: The investigation continues in Edgar County where two men were found dead in a Chrisman home. No new leads have been discovered at the present time.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: A Mattoon man pleads not guilty to charges of sexual assault. Dennis Vannoy waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial. The status hearing for the case is set for February 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: A Shelby County man was back in court today on new charges of possession of child pornography. Forrest Mosley of Shelbyville was arrested last month for possession of child pornography.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County man accused of molesting several children appeared in court today for his last hearing before the trial. Jon White is accused of molesting nine students while teaching at Thomas Paine Elementary.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: Darmel Smith is being held in Champaign County jail on charges of attempted murder.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Darmel Smith appeared in court Monday and pleaded not guilty in the charge of murdering a 23 year old male.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign County authorities say they have arrested Howard Wesley of Tolono after burglarizing several businesses.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: Sentencing for Matthew Depew of Mattoon in the killing of 30 year old Robert Gordon has been postponed. Depew has pleaded guilty to the crime.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: DeKalb Police say the gunman who opened fire on campus is dead. The shooting took place around 3pm in Cole Hall near the King Commons.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: Philip Bone of Taylorville is facing sexual assault charges after a month long investigation in Christian County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Steven Philip Kazmierczak of Champaign has been identified as the gunman in yesterday's campus shooting. He shot 21 people before turning the gun on himself.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville police have made two arrests for numerous burglaries in town. Russell Durbin and Jonathon Krouse appeared in court today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: A Macon County man is facing charges of attempted murder. A man called Sunday morning and said he had shot his wife at a rural home in Oakley.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois State Police say they have yet to make any arrests in a homicide investigation out of Edgar County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: 100 million dollar bond has been set for a Taylorville man accused of sexual assault. The bond was set for Phillip Bone after being arrested last week on two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: A central Illinois teacher accused of molesting students in two counties has pled guilty in one of those counties. Jon White is facing up to 56 years in prison on eight counts of sexual abuse involving second grade girls at Urbana's Thomas Paine Elementary School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date for Ernest Rose's charges of animal neglect charges has been set for May 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: A court appearance has been pushed back for two Chicago men charged with the murder of a Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy. They will appear in court again on May 30th for a case management conference.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: Jason Abernathy's status hearing is set for March 3rd and the trial date is set to begin March 5th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: Joe Bush is appearing in court today for bribery. He is accused of offering money to an Illinois liquor commission inspector.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Arrests have been made in the string of burglaries plaguing businesses in Taylorville. Police believe more arrests related to the burglaries will be made in the near future.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police still need help identifying a body found in Marshall. If anyone has information relating to the case please contact the Illinois State Police or the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Two Terre Haute South students are charged with selling drugs at school. Trevon Childes and Tommy Dykes were arrested for selling Vicoden pills on school grounds. They are charged with dealing a schedule three substance which is a class-A felony.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Two men are in custody tonight in Terre Haute on various methamphetamine charges. Jerry Jividen was arrested during a traffic stop where he admitted to telling meth and marijuana. In an unrelated case Scott Taylor is facing several drug charges related to possession of methamphetamine.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Northern Illinois University officials plan to demolish the building where a mass shooting happened earlier this month. Cole Hall will be torn down and replaced by a new state-of-the-art classroom to be called Memorial Hall.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Congressman John Shimkus says Effingham will receive 1.2 million through the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development. The new building will house a Fed Ex distribution center.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Two guilty pleas are entered in a Decatur rape case. Travis Dudley and Ryan Depres pled guilty in the June 2006 rape of a 15 year old.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08

Source: L

Description: Sentencing is reduced for John Haywood, who was convicted of a weapons offense and for possession of child pornography. His weapons charge jail sentencing has been reduced to 30 years from 35.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08

Source: L

Description: Patrick Fitzsimmons has been sentenced to a month in prison and five months of home confinement after being found guilty for stealing over 30,000 dollars worth of military equipment.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: The victim of the Clark County homicide has been identified. The victim is Leon Remigio-Becerril of Indianapolis.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: Former Illinois Governor George Ryan has been moved to a Federal Correctional Institution in Terre Haute. He was moved because of medical facilities not being geared to treat people over the age of 70.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: Donnell Clemons has been sent to a mental institution after shooting at 3 police officers last June. Clemons could remain in the institution for close to 90 years.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: James Smith was sentenced to 15 years in prison for aggravated battery last month after he hit a Macon County Sheriff's deputy with a brandy bottle.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: Another student has been sentenced in a case involving bomb threats made against a Decatur High School. A 14 year old student was sentenced two years probation and 300 hours of community service.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: Jason Abernathy's trial has been postponed again to March 14th after a trial cancellation occurred today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville police arrested two people who they say committed dozens of break-ins around town. Michael Weber and Chad Weber were arrested.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: A body has been found in a lake near Effingham. The victim's car was found at Camp Lakewood. At this time there is no preliminary cause of death and that the man has been identified and they are waiting to contact the family before releasing information.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: The First National Bank of Ogden was robbed this morning. No arrests have been made in connection to the robbery.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: The body found in an Effingham lake has been identified as Joseph Faykuse Junior of Will County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: A pre-trial hearing for Josephine Amanda Pierce is set for Wednesday March 12th after she has been accused of leaving a threatening message in a bathroom at Monticello High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date has been set for a Taylorville man accused of sexual assault. Philip Bone's trial is set for May 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: The gun shop where Northern Illinois University gunman Steven Kazmierczak bought five guns has closed. ATF officials say the owner of Tony's Guns and Ammo in Champaign gave up his federal gun dealer's license this week and closed. The guns which Kazmierczak purchased were done so legally.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: No arrests have been made in the robbery of an Ogden bank. If anyone has any information please contact the Champaign County Sheriff's Department.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: A central Illinois business man is headed to prison for his role in a multi-million dollar real estate scheme. Gary Knox of Decatur used fraudulent appraisals to sell homes far more than they were worth.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: On Wednesday police departments from all over Coles, Douglas, and Moultrie counties took part in Operation Byrne Blitz, arresting 17 people and executing one search warrant.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: Operation Byrne Blitz helped arrest two men. Derrick Holmes of Marshall was arrested by the Southeastern Illinois Drug Task force and charged with delivery of a controlled substance and Terry Hossler of Saint Elmo was arrested for delivery of cocaine.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: Local authorities are looking for Damian Lee Brooks. Brooks is wanted for burglary, driving with a suspended license, and obstruction of justice.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: A Terre Haute man is facing charges after authorities say he severely hurt twin baby girls. Jeffery Whitner is being held on two charges of battery resulting in serious bodily injury.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur police say they were out patrolling early this morning when they heard the sounds of gunshots near the Viper Pit night club. 20 year old Shalen Dozier was shot and in serious condition at Decatur Memorial Hospital tonight.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: The trial for a Vigo County official accused of staling is set to start Monday. Ray Watts will appear before a judge Monday at 8:30.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Shelby County man pleads guilty to charges of downloading child pornography. Forrest Mosley was sentenced to five years in prison today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois state police say authorities may be closer to finding out what happened to a man found dead in Clark County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Vigo County Recorder pleads guilty to battery. Ray Watts pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of battery just before his trial was set to start. He was sentenced to 180 days informal probation, a no contact order, and must resign as recorder by June 9th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: A Terre Haute man accused of severely hurting twin baby girls have been charged with battery. Jeffery Whitner has been charged with two counts of battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person under the age of 14.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign Police need your help finding a man they say tried to abduct a child from a local school. Last Friday a man showed up at Westview Elementary School in Champaign requesting to pick up an 8 year old girl.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: The Decatur Police department is buying video surveillance cameras in high crime areas referred to as the Weed and Seed zone.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur police are releasing new information tonight on a shooting that happened at the Viper Pit night club. An arrest warrant on attempted murder charges for Londell Easley of Chicago.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date has been set for a Decatur man facing sexual abuse charges. Philip Harpool is accused of fondling a 5 year old girl.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: Chase Bank on North Broadway in Urbana was robbed by a man claiming he had a bomb.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: A trial date has been set for Darrel Smith who is accused of attempted murder after he shot another man.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: Fernando Rizo-Perez pled guilty to aggravated battery and was sentenced to four years in prison for two separate attacks on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: Thomas Rinehart of Mattoon trial has been postponed because the defense is working on a plea deal that would prevent the case from going to trial.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: Vigo County Recorder Ray Watts has resigned from his position but has yet to decide if he will run for re-election, which does not violate the terms of his sentencing.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: For the second time in two months rescue crews were sent to a Mattoon apartment complex, this time arrests were made. James Mowery and Tyler Fotte discharged 3 fire extinguishers which set off the alarms.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: The trial for Richard Pagel who has been charged of animal cruelty has been postponed until June.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police and the Indianapolis Police Department are working together to find out what happened to a man found dead in Clark County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Willis Jefferson has pled not guilty to charges of attacking two officers in the Effingham county jail.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Classes were not canceled after a bomb threat was found on a bathroom wall in the boy's room at Tuscola High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Brandon Burwell is heading to court accused of threatening to blow up a Decatur high school.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Urbana police are releasing pictures of a man they say robbed an Urbana bank.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Police Department has found a new child identification program called EZchild I.D. system. The police department is looking for donations to help pay for the 5,000 dollars instead of waiting for grants.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police say they have yet to make any arrests in a two month old homicide out of Edgar County. A \$25,000 reward is being offered to anyone who provides information on the case that leads to an arrest.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: Frank Kelly Ciota has been sentenced to 8 years in prison for his role in a multi-million dollar real-estate scheme.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: A Virginia man is behind bars charged with making online death threats against a University of Illinois student. Allen Leon Sammons was arrest and charged with transmitting over state lines.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign police are still trying to locate a man who tried to abduct a child from a local school.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Coles County crime stoppers has launched a new website with instructions to anonymously report information involving crimes.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville police say they responded to a call and 25 year old William Alberts unresponsive. He died of a gun shot wound to the chest and the shooter has been identified as Stacy Bishop of Taylorville.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Three Mattoon residents are facing charges of domestic battery after police say they had inappropriate contact with a 3 year old.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: A Charleston man is recovering from stab wounds tonight after police say he was involved in a domestic disturbance. Stanley Washington was arrested in the case.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Jason Abernathy's trial has been set for April 14th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville Police are calling the deaths of a couple murder suicide. The victims are Timothy Defrates and Arlena Beard.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur Police Department is getting some ground in the search for a shooting suspect. The U.S. Marshall Service is helping search for Londell Easley of Chicago.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: A Mattoon man has been arrested on sexual assault charges. Darrell Neeley was arrested late last week for criminal sexual assault.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Surveillance cameras helped catch a Villa Grove High School student accused of leaving threatening messages on a bathroom wall. The 15 year old student was charged with disorder conduct and suspended from school for 10 days.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Police continue to investigate a threatening message left at Tuscola High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Trial date for Markele Powell accused of murder after killing a woman in Champaign is set for March 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University starting quarterback, Bodie Reeder, has pled not guilty to a dui charge. His hearing is April 29th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/19/08

Source: L

Description: 3 liquor store employees have been arrested in Mahomet after police were told that the store was selling to minors.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: A man accused of killing a Sadorus woman is trying to get his trial moved out of Champaign County. Robert Arnette is charged with first degree murder and concealing a homicidal death.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: A former Decatur police sergeant facing six counts of official misconduct returns to court. Mike Gannon hearing is set for April 7th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Kyle Wright will be sentenced on first degree murder charges April 25th for his role in a fatal drive by shooting.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police say operation Byrne Blitz was a success by snuffing out almost 200 drug related arrests in the state. 100 meth labs were seized and more than 200 drug endangered children were rescued.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Coles County Crime stoppers are asking for your help in solving a local crime. Someone broke in to a Charleston home at 301 Vine Avenue and sprayed blue spray paint on the walls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: It is still unknown if Robert Arnette, who is accused of killing his wife Namoi, will get his murder trial outside of Champaign County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Local bar owner, Joe Bush, owner of Joe's Tap in Mattoon, has plead not guilty on bribery charges. Charges were brought against Bush after he offered money to an Illinois liquor commission inspector to avoid prosecution for illegal gambling at his tavern.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: The trial is under way for Steven Johnson, the man accused of robbing Soy Capital Bank and Trust in Decatur last April, and he is also accused of first degree murder.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: The Coles County Sheriff's office has a man in custody accused of abusing two teenage boys. Derek Lucky was arrested in Neoga in March.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville officials are giving the go ahead to putting seven speed bumps in Manners Park to prevent people from racing through the park.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: Officials say an employee at an apartment near Macomb received a handwritten note sometime overnight indicating there'd be an on-campus shooting at Western Illinois University today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: Three people accused of battering a 3 year old boy admit to causing some of his injuries. Brittany Shonk, Robert Shonk, and Leland Hubbard all face charges of battery.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/27/08

Source: L

Description: Students and faculty at Western Illinois University are trying to return to a normal day after a handwritten note threatened a shooting was found.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: New information has been found in the investigation of a Clark County homicide. Investigators say they have found the truck belonging to Leon Remigio- Bascerril, the man whose body was found January 25th in a dumpster.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/28/08

Source: L

Description: Darmel Smith was found guilty and sentenced 24 months probation for unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Currently he is also being charged with aggravated battery with a firearm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: A new trial date has been set for Jason Abernathy, who is accused of severely beating Gina Giberson at her home in October.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: A former Coles County Assistant State's Attorney, James Baba, will have to wait a month before facing possible disbarment after allegedly stealing ten grams of marijuana from the Sheriff's department.

GOVERNMENT

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Tomorrow is the deadline to register for the February 5th election.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Former Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke will appeal a court ruling that allowed new Mayor Duke Bennett to take office.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: State Senator Dan Rutherford is recuperating after breaking his jaw in a fall while on vacation in Colorado.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: The City of Champaign Planning Department and the Champaign Park District are accepting suggestions on what to do with an old landfill. There is an informational at the Springer Center in downtown Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: Former Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke is now asking the Indiana Supreme Court to hear his appeal.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Tomorrow a group of Effingham city officials will be headed to Centralia and Highland to check out a couple of sports facilities.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: Piatt County is hoping some grant money will help pay for some needed improvements to the courthouse. The money from the grant will be used to upgrade the building's lighting system.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White says more than 3 million people have signed up on the Illinois' organ donor registry.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is asking for more time to implement the federal Real ID Act.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: This week Tuscola city council members approved to increase rental rates at the Tuscola Community Building.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: A 27 year old soldier from central Illinois has been killed in Iraq. Department of Defense says Private First Class Danny Kimme of Fisher was one of 3 soldiers killed when they were attacked by grenade and small arms fire in Balad.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: All of the VX nerve agent stored at a Chemical Depot north of Terre Haute could be destroyed by this summer. The Army says the task of destroying the deadly substance at the Newport Chemical facility is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and ahead of schedule.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Olde Towne TIF Rehabilitation program in Decatur provides loans for those making improvements to properties within the West Main Street Corridor.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign County soldier puts his doodling skills to work and wins a national contest. Sergeant First Class Richard Crawford of Mahomet entered a bike design competition during his deployment to Iraq with the Mattoon Company-A. His design was for a bike made by Orange County Choppers to honor the Army National Guard.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Developers of a sports complex in Effingham may be forced to make some cuts. The budget falls short by 1.8 million to the projected design cost.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Governor Rod Blagojevich made stops across the state to promote improvements to a long term transit funding bill. The bill would make it so seniors 65 and older could get free transit service.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: An adult bookstore in Effingham County may stay closed for good. The Lion's Den in Montrose has decided not to pursue a lawsuit to reopen the business.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: Charleston Comptroller Heather Kuykendall says Friday the city will open a drive up for bill paying. Any payment can be dropped off at the drive up.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: A rally in support of the Effingham sports complex is set for the weekend.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: State officials say about 4,000 senior citizens have pre-registered for a new program that will allow the elderly to ride public transportation for free.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: The City of Decatur is trying to improve its trolley system. The city is looking to eliminate the Milikin area trolley route.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Army National Guard Soldier Sergeant First Class Richard Crawford of Mahomet entered a bike design competition during his deployment to Iraq with the Mattoon based Company A.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: The Decatur City Manager is stepping down from office after service of nearly a decade. Steve Garman announced yesterday that when his contract ends in October he will not be coming back.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn says working families throughout the state are eligible for assistance with filing tax returns. 64 locations are being set up state wide with locations in Champaign and Decatur.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: A chance to meet the Coles County candidates running in next weeks primary election can go to Mattoon Cross Mall to meet the people running for state's attorney, the coroner, and county board districts 9 and 10.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois is offering scholarships to college bound students who've lost a parent during military service. More than one hundred service members from Illinois have lost their lives since 2001 leaving behind 65 children eligible from the Fallen Heroes Scholarship.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois EPA has launched a site to help drivers learn more about vehicle emissions testing program.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Savoy voters will have the option to vote for a sales tax increase on February 5th. If passed the sales tax will be 7%.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: This is the last week to do any early voting for the primary election. Last day for early voting is Thursday January 31st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: A former resident of Taylorville has died while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant Robert J. Wilson was killed over the weekend in Baghdad, Iraq. Officials say an IED detonated while he was conducting a dismounted patrol.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Douglas County voters will see a new sales tax increase option on the February 5th primary election ballot. The tax will make it so people are increased for 5 cents for every 10 dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois has a new screening program for all returning National Guard troops from Iraq and Afghanistan and a 24 hour hotline to help veterans with combat related stress.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Officials from the Illinois Department of Employment Security say January unemployment checks have been misplaced in the mail. A replacement check can be requested from a local employment office.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: February 5th is the official primary in the state of Illinois. A turn out of 7 million voters is expected.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: Starting Monday rates to park downtown will increase to as much as 75 cents in heavily used parking areas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: Starting today meter rates jumped from 25 to 75 cents an hour. The extra money will be used to generate money for a new parking garage.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: Tomorrow more than 20 states, including Illinois, will be holding their primaries for the 2008 general election.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: Ameren's latest request for a rate increase is the reason for a special hearing tonight in Decatur. The increase would be near 300 million dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: Tonight, the Mattoon city council will discuss the possibility of closing a portion of north 16th street near the YMCA.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: Today was voting day in 20 states, commonly known as Super Tuesday in the political realm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: City officials in Decatur have approved another step towards their downtown development efforts. Officials approved a 1.4 million dollar line of credit to pay for the demolition of several buildings.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: Secretary of State Jesse White wants to remind you that state offices will be closed a couple of days this month to celebrate presidential birthdays.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: Paris residents voted yes for the city to move forward with its plan for its own electric municipality.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: A Black Hawk helicopter landed by the Tarble Arts Center on Eastern Illinois University's campus. The helicopter was used for educational purposes by the ROTC students.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: A local bar's liquor license will be suspended for several weeks beginning tomorrow. Jerry's Pizza and Pub suspension will last 21 days.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: Meetings to learn about Illinois Identity theft hotline happen every first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday March 6th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Flags will be flown at half mast next week to honor a fallen Christian count soldier. Sergeant Robert Wilson was killed in Baghdad, Iraq.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have agreed to two March debates in Ohio and Texas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur officials say some properties in town are an eyesore so the city is moving forward by passing an ordinance to improve the look of their neighborhoods.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign City officials and the Champaign Park District are asking residents to attend a meeting to discuss the future of a landfill in town. Suggestions have been made for a BMX bike track, golf course, and wildlife trails.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Now is the time to apply for a special deer hunt in Shelby County. April 25th is the date set for the 19th annual disabled deer hunt at Lake Shelbyville.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: Edgar County Board chairman Dan Winans says the roof, bell tower, and the lady liberty statue are old and deteriorating and will be part of the renovation project. Work will hopefully start in late March or early April.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur officials are asking residents to vote on a design of a commissioned sculpture honoring Abraham Lincoln and black Civil War soldiers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: State officials say they plan to repair water leak damage at the Illinois capitol building by next week. Everything will be cleaned up by the 19th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: The Indiana Supreme Court says they will not hear the case of former Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois legislators are urging the governor to resume executions in the state.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: The Army Corps of Engineers will cut summer staff and services at Lake Shelbyville because of budget concerns. Despite reductions in services and staff, the Corps says all campgrounds will be open this summer season.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: Soldiers from East Central Illinois are preparing for an overseas mission in Kosovo to help with peacekeeping efforts.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Rod Blagojevich has announced a new program to offer statewide assistance to home buyers at risk of losing their homes. The Homeowner's Assistance Initiative will provide 200 million dollars to help homeowners with sub-prime mortgage prices.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois lawmakers are making it more difficult to buy a gun. It will require reporting of previous mental health treatments.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: Governor Rob Blagojevich gave his state of the state address today in Springfield. Tax cuts for families and businesses seemed to be the theme of the address. To help achieve his goals he cut funding to various agencies greatly.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: Money troubles have put the renovations at the Mattoon police department on hold. A final price on the cost of the project is needed before any work can start.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: More than 2,000 soldiers from central Illinois are finishing up training before deployment to Afghanistan. The 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team will be mobilized this summer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: Soldiers of Detachment 36, Operational Support Airlift, will be recognized by the National Guard Bureau Freedom Salute Campaign for their service and support.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: A dedication ceremony will be held to honor soldiers who served with the 15 44th Transportation Company on Saturday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: Today people gathered in Decatur to celebrate the accomplishments of Illinois Army National Guard Detachment 36. Each member received a U.S. flag with a commemorative coin and plaque, while three members received a bronze star for their service.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08
Source: L
Description: Illinois State officials are urging residence to make the most of their 2007 state tax returns by donating part of them to help out veterans.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08
Source: L
Description: Edgar County community gathered by the hundreds to salute the 15-44th Transportation Company.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08
Source: L
Description: The deadline to order a coin commemorating the Lincoln-Douglas Debates 150 years ago has been extended until March 5th.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08
Source: L
Description: A state audit has found a deficit in the utilities budget at the University of Illinois. U of I will have six years to pay the debt using a debt restructuring plan.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08
Source: L
Description: Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Chuck Hartke, has submitted his resignation to Governor Blagojevich.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08
Source: L
Description: People who camp, hunt, and hike in Illinois could end up paying a bit more for these activities.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08
Source: L
Description: A new stamp will go on sale this week commemorating a University of Illinois physics professor. John Bardeen helped to invent the transistor.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08
Source: L
Description: Tonight the Charleston City Council will consider approving the proposed Charleston Historic District. It would cover parts of both sixth and seventh streets.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08
Source: L
Description: Last night the Charleston City Council approved and established the first historic district in Charleston. 110 properties on 6th and 7th streets will be affected by this ordinance.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08
Source: L
Description: If you get a phone call or email from the IRS it might be part of a scam. The trick of the scam is to get people into revealing personal and financial information.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois House wants to repeal a mandatory moment of silence in public schools. The bill wants to let schools choose to observe it or not.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: The hours for the Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site in Lerna will be shortened. The attraction will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Decatur officials say starting Friday, city council packets and informational memos will be available on the city's website for public viewing.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Tonight, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan says a hearing on the state budget will be happening in Decatur.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/11/08

Source: L

Description: Pana officials have started the process of annexing more county homes into the city limits to help the city financially when the 2010 census is taken.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign County has passed new rules that say all dogs need to be on a leash at all times when visiting recreational areas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: State Representative Chapin Rose and House Republican leader Tom Cross say they have a plan to stimulate the state's economy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Senator Clinton is making a stop in Terre Haute Thursday as part of her presidential campaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign city officials turned down the idea of raising the bar entry age from 19 to 21.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Plans to renovate the Mattoon Police Department are on the agenda for tonight's Mattoon City Council Meeting. Renovations are expected to cost around \$800,000.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: A farewell celebration is scheduled for the soldiers of the 766th Engineer Battalion. About 15 Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers will deploy to Afghanistan to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign community leaders, business owners, and residents will have the chance to speak their minds about the state budget tonight. House Speaker Michael Madigan is in Champaign on the 5th of 19 hearings across the state.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/19/08

Source: L

Description: The Clinton campaign is preparing for their visit to Terre Haute. Today details were released about her trip to the Hoosier state.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/19/08

Source: L

Description: Renovation plans for the Mattoon Police Department have been approved. Last night city council members decided to go along with the funding of the police departments renovations using a \$300,000 trust fund.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: Hoosier's for Hillary was a common chant heard throughout the Wabash Valley today. Today Senator Clinton visited the Saratoga Diner in downtown Terra Haute.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: Douglas County Board is giving the public another chance to vote on a public safety increase. On Wednesday, the board voted to put the public safety sales tax referendum on the November 4th ballot.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: Water rates in Decatur could be going up. The rates need to go up so the city can pay for projects to improve the water lines and getting a new water tower.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: Clark County officials say they're one step closer to starting construction on a county jail addition. Now the county just needs to find an architect.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign city officials are in the works of transforming a landfill into a park. The park is planned to be a BMX bike track, a golf course, and wildlife habitat.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Army National Guard is encouraging residents to come out and support our troops as they prepare to be deployed overseas. Everyone is invited to the farewell ceremony tomorrow at the Decatur Armory.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Urbana, tonight, might be one step closer to banning the usage of cell phones while driving.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Soldiers of the 766th Engineer Battalion out of Decatur were without their families for their first of many holidays to come. Saturday was the farewell ceremony for 15 men who are going over seas to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Congressman John Shimkus is making his way to East Central Illinois and he wants to meet you. He will be in Shelbyville at the City Council Chambers to meet with residents from noon until 1:30.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Last night, the Urbana City Council did not vote on the issue of banning cell phone usage while driving. They are even looking to ban the use of hands free devices.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Mattoon city officials are considering a plan to upgrade many streets in Mattoon but it may mean higher property taxes. The upgrade would be from oil and chip to asphalt surfaces.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: More child support money is being handed over to the struggling families do to the success of a new state program. A point of sale program went into effect which gave deadbeat dads the option of making child-support payments immediately or giving up their right to hunt and fish. Since its inception, more than \$130,000 has been collected from at least 90 parents.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Post office is inviting the public to attend their passport fair on Saturday from 1 to 4.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/27/08

Source: L

Description: On Sunday, members of the Illinois National Guard's 106th Aviation Regiment out of Decatur will deploy to Kosovo. There is a farewell ceremony being held for them at 3 at the Decatur Armory.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois is expecting to pay \$20 million for gasoline, diesel, and oil changes for its fleet of vehicles this year, which is a 40% increase from last year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: Yesterday the members of the 106th Aviation Regiment had a farewell ceremony for family and friends and left this morning for Kosovo.

Availability of Social Services in Rural Illinois

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign's main library has opened its doors again after being closed several weeks for renovations.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Library will be closed between January 19th and January 27th to move into the new addition which was recently built.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: The Effingham city council gave their support in backing the Helen Matthes Library on a referendum that would generate more than \$250,000 for the library.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Public Library will get a large amount of space when the additions are unveiled to the public.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/23/08

Source: L

Description: The Mattoon PADS organization is looking for financial help from the state. They along with several other shelter organizations around the state are asking the governor to increase funding by \$2.4 million.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/24/08

Source: L

Description: The owners of farmland which once belonged to Abraham Lincoln plan to sell tiny parcels of the property to help fund a visitor's center.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: On Sunday, the Charleston Carnegie Public Library threw a party to show off its new space, nearly 30,000 feet.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: The Effingham YMCA property is up for sale. The facility will be sold at public auction tomorrow.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: Residents want to open an animal shelter in Piatt County but they need your help. 100,000 dollars is what is needed to open a shelter in White Heath.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: New improvements will be on the way for the Effingham library. On Tuesday, voters agreed to a tax hike that would generate 250,000 dollars a year for the Helen Matthes library.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: A location has been found for an animal shelter in Piatt County but in order to open this summer money needs to be accumulated.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: Money is still available if you're having trouble paying your utility bills. To find out if you qualify for LIHEAP, contact your local program representative.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: The City of Monticello held their festival of Monticello covered in chocolate. It was held all weekend instead of one day because of the success it had last year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Don't be surprised if you see or hear more graphic T.V. and radio ads about the dangers of methamphetamine. Officials say a new 1.2 million dollar campaign warning teenagers about meth is about to hit central Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: If you are looking for a used prom dress St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham says look no more. The hospital is having a prom dress sale Saturday starting at 10 in their auditorium. Dresses not sold will be donated to Catholic Charities.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: The Coles County Barbershop Group is performing singing valentine's to raise money to donate to the Charleston and Mattoon High School's music programs.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: Coles County Salvation Army Captain Joe Holman says donations through the end of January totaled about \$125,000, \$25,000 less than the goal. The lack of bell ringers played a big part in the shortage of donations this year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Lake Shelbyville is in need of volunteers for their Fish Habitat Day where they put old Christmas trees in the lake to create new shelters for the fish.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: When meth lab homes are raided, DCFS is there to take care of any children that live there, but who's there to take care of man's best friend? A Coles County resident has taken it upon himself to help abandoned or abused dogs and cats.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08

Source: L

Description: The University of Illinois has been the unofficial St. Patrick's Day celebration for many years. To fend off this potentially dangerous celebration, university officials have implemented a no guest policy for this weekend in the residence halls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Newton City officials have created plans for a new 3.2 million dollar aquatic center. The pool will be open for summer of 2010.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Operation Potato Drop is about to take place in Macon County. It will deliver thousands of pounds of potatoes to those in need.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: The city of Paris wants to reopen the Ed Jenson Work Camp. The city wants to use the old prison as an education facility.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: The Coles County drug court proudly graduates what they say is a large class of participants. Today 5 people graduated from the program.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: Starting Monday, anyone 65 or older can ride the Decatur Mass Transit system buses for free.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: To honor Mister Rogers' 80th birthday WEIU-TV and Hit-Mix 88.9 invites you to join "Won't you be my neighbor" days March 15th through the 20th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: The Saint Elmo fire department along with multiple other fire departments hosted a fundraiser for a 9 year old Effingham boy recently diagnosed with cancer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: Salvation Army case worker Tricia Kay Coffee says the Coles and Cumberland county food pantries are running dangerously low. She says they need people to donate before their May 10th drive because supplies will not last until then.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: On Thursday, a free phone bill clinic is happening at the Champaign Public Library.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: To honor Mister Rogers' 80th birthday WEIU-TV and Hit-Mix 88.9 invites you to join "Won't you be my neighbor". Today was designated as Sweater day for the event. Trolley rides occurred all day from the TV station to the Square.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: The city of Decatur is planning a summer time festival in honor of Abraham Lincoln. The Shadows of Lincoln Festival will start June 7th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: As gas prices continue to raise so does the cost of trying to help those in need. Peace meals, the program to help those 60 and older get food is feeling the burden of rising gas prices.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: Tourism season is quickly approaching and officials of Allerton Park say they need your help. Tour guides, visitor center workers, and event hosts are needed.

Safety

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Two bridges in Douglas County are in need of repair and it may be so time before these bridges will be fully functional again.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/07/08

Source: L

Description: Charleston interim police chief Mark Jenkins is in his first full week as chief.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: This year officials plan to keep vandals out of Manner's Park in Taylorville by purchasing more surveillance cameras and possibly adding speed bumps.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/09/08

Source: L

Description: The Champaign and Urbana firefighters are more prepared than ever to battle such a blaze.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/10/08

Source: L

Description: A Taylorville woman is dead after a crash involving a semi-truck. Illinois State Police say the crash happened on Route 48 at Shumway Street in Taylorville.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: The Sheriff's department is planning a major upgrade to their communication systems. The upgrades have an expected cost of \$150,000 which \$140,000 has been covered by the state.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08
Source: L
Description: The name of a Taylorville woman killed in a crash this week has been released. She was 78 year old Margaret Thomas.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08
Source: L
Description: A new kind of cigarette must be sold in the state. Low ignition strength or fire safe is the only cigarettes are to be sold.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08
Source: L
Description: Lake Land College is now offering a defensive driving course which any driver issued a citation in any state or county has the ability to take to keep the citation off their record.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08
Source: L
Description: The dangerous intersection in Hutsonville will begin construction in 2009 to make it safer.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08
Source: L
Description: The Illinois Department of Transportation officials say workers continue to improve a dangerous intersection in town. Construction on Route 48 at Lincoln Trail should be finished by mid-February.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08
Source: L
Description: A carbon dioxide scare caused Indiana State University's main library to close for a night. The library was evacuated as a precaution and the leaking container was removed.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08
Source: L
Description: An agent with the FBI plans to visit Shelbyville high school. Agent Brad Sheafe will host a program on internet safety.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08
Source: L
Description: Work on the water town in Villa Grove is expected to occur soon. The tower is due for some maintenance.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08
Source: L
Description: The University of Illinois police department is asking for your help preventing crimes on campus. The department is asking students, staff, and residents to keep an eye for anything suspicious.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08
Source: L
Description: The Champaign-Urbana MTD will be cutting the Mathews Street route soon.

Program title: NewsWatch
Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08
Source: L
Description: The Illinois State Police say a school bus crash in Moultrie County has sent two people to the hospital.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Operation Teen Safe Driving Initiative encourages high schools to start teen-led safe driving campaigns. Out of 220 who applied 105 were selected.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: Officials say the steel braces that keep bricks on the Champaign's city building are crumbling. City officials say it will take \$1.6 million to rehab the brickwork.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: The fire department in Owaneco received money to buy new equipment which means new helmets, gloves, and boots.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: A farm safety class is being offered in Edgar County for the first time. The class will discuss what to do if a tractor is overturned or if a person is trapped in a grain bin.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/28/08

Source: L

Description: Dozens of students at Indiana State University in Terre Haute are being forced to move. A fire broke out on the 11th floor of Blumberg Hall. A resident assistant and two school public safety officers were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation and another student for an asthma attack.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/29/08

Source: L

Description: Staff and Indiana State University say an unattended candle was the cause of the fire which displaced nearly 100 students.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: A fire at Indiana State University has been turned over to the school's judicial affairs office. Spokesperson Teresa Exline says judicial affairs are now reviewing the case and that matters involving student discipline are confidential.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: A sheriff's deputy was sent to the hospital after a morning crash in Coles County. Thomas Williamson's squad car was t-boned at Route 16 when a driver in a pick up truck failed to yield. Investigations of the crash have been turned over to Illinois State Police.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State Police are encouraging people to pass your keys to a designated driver for Super Bowl Sunday. Police plan to perform saturation patrols and roadside safety checks throughout the state. They say if you hold a party on Sunday you could be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve ends up in a crash.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois State Police will be working with local law enforcement agencies performing alcohol saturation patrols and roadside safety checks.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/01/08

Source: L

Description: Teutopolis and Cumberland High Schools were recognized for having the highest percentage of seat belt used by teens in their area.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: Mattoon City officials say plans have been made to replace a bridge in their town. The city council approved spending more than 800,000 dollars for the reconstruction of the night street bridge of Kickapoo Creek.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/05/08

Source: L

Description: A proposed construction project in Effingham will get some public feedback this week.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: A reward is being posted for anyone who can help Champaign police find a mission handgun. The missing weapon is a Smith and Wesson .45 caliber semi-automatic with a chrome finish and black handgrips.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: By an 83 vote margin, the Douglas County public safety referendum fails.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: Residents of Savoy have voted yes to a sales tax increase to help fund the construction new roads, road improvements, and sewer upgrade.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: One person is dead after a single vehicle crash in Coles County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: A Monticello man is dead after authorities say his R-V caught on fire.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Sheriffs' Association has awarded Douglas County Chief Deputy Tommy Martin with 2007 Deputy of the Year award.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: A major fire was called in at the Sunrise Apartments on South 9th Street in Mattoon. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: The city of Champaign as well as U of I are gearing up for another "unofficial celebration of St. Patrick's Day". Student's parents received a letter telling them what the event is and that they should encourage their child not to partake in the festivities.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: U of I officials say students and faculty have signed up to receive email warning messages and phone calls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/11/08

Source: L

Description: Autopsies are planned for two men killed in a weekend accident at an Archer Daniels Midland corn processing plant in Decatur.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: Icy roads are to blame for the death of Frederick Dohme, after he lost control of his truck on icy pavement four miles north of Broadlands this morning.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/12/08

Source: L

Description: The cause of death for two ADM workers is still unknown even after autopsies have been conducted.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: Laura Clapp of Hindsboro is dead after an early morning accident in Edgar County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: Officials say it could be a couple of weeks before they know what the cause of a fire in an apartment complex in Mattoon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: James Leroy Hebel is dead after an early morning apartment fire. He died of smoke inhalation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: ADM officials say the last person injured in a fatal weekend plant incident has left the hospital. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Palestine officials say if you let your dog run loose you are going to have to pay a price. Dogs roaming around town will not be tolerated and owners will be punished for their negligence.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: The University of Illinois is trying to get the word out on a text messaging emergency service. They want to get the word out as fast as possible in the event of an emergency.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: A 19 year old from Taylorville is dead after a car crash in Logan County. Katie McCarty and 3 others were riding in a pickup truck that slammed into a tree at the bottom of a hill east of Middletown late Friday night.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: Firefighters fought a blaze in Assumption that destroyed two buildings which housed two businesses and one apartment.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: A fire at a Mattoon apartment complex has been ruled accidental.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: The cause of Decatur apartment fire that left one man dead is still under investigation. Macon County Coroner Michael Day ruled that James Hebel died of smoke inhalation.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: Crawford County residents now have a system that will perform a reverse 911 call to warn THEM of emergencies such as natural disasters.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: Amtrak announced today the deployment of its new specialized Mobile Security Team which will patrol stations and trains. The team will perform random baggage inspections, passengers will have right to refuse the inspection but will not be permitted to board the train and will be given a ticket refund.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/19/08

Source: L

Description: More state police troopers will be on the roads around Coles County next month to help crack down on people driving under the influence or traveling with open alcohol in their vehicles.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: No one was hurt after a small fire at St. Anthony's hospital in Effingham. The hospital's sprinkler system put out the flames before first responders were on the scene.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is reminding consumers to double check their child's car seat. Evenflo Company announced it was recalling one million discovery infant car seats after testing showed the seat could potentially become separated from its base in high-impact side collisions.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/20/08

Source: L

Description: Today the Illinois State Police hosted a demonstration showing the dangers of texting while driving at Atwood-Hammond High School.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: A new campaign is teaching drivers to make the right move after an auto accident involving power lines. The campaign urges drivers to stay in their vehicle after a crash and wait for help because the ground could be energized.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: The unofficial St. Patrick's Day event at the University of Illinois is one week away and city officials say they're one step closer in making it safer.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Shelby County Sheriff officials say the department is holding a membership drive for the Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriff's Association. Membership costs \$20 for an individual and \$50 for a business.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Assistant Director of Housing for Marketing Kirsten Ruby says U of I put into place a no-guest police this weekend at all residence halls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign and Decatur will be getting a mass destruction vehicle to help respond to emergencies in the event of a hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction incident. The state plans to spend nearly six million dollars on 22 vehicles.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/27/08

Source: L

Description: Charleston Public Works Department recently closed part of Jackson Avenue from Division to Second Street for bridge work.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: The Champaign Police department is patrolling in full force for the unofficial St. Patrick's Day event. They are raiding bars to check ids but also house parties to ensure the safety of all those participating in the unofficial festivities.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: Last weekend was unofficial St. Patrick's Day at the University of Illinois and officials say more than 200 people were arrested.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: 8 CSX train cars derailed causing traffic to come to a halt. The only damage reported was to the actual train track itself.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: Seven local fire departments were sent to North Pleasant View Road in southern Coles County where Morris Sheep Farm was fully engulfed in flames. The building was not saved and some of the livestock did perish in the fire.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Authorities do not believe foul play is to blame in a fire that destroyed a Coles County sheep farm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Tomorrow at Paris High School a presentation on how to monitor students' computer activities will occur.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Travel around Paris is back to normal after a train derailment but after getting back on the tracks the same train derailed a short time later; again near the town of Metcalf. This time 4 cars derailed and CSX officials still do not know the cause of either derailment and have ruled it is not weather related.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: An investigation is underway after a locomotive derailed twice in Edgar County. CSX is investigating the incident and is handing all findings over to the Federal Railroad Administration.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: More Illinois State Troopers are planned to patrol the interstates in Effingham and Clark counties this month. The increase is part of a plan to arrest impaired drivers.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign authorities say that nearly 200 drug and alcohol related tickets were issued at this years Unofficial St. Patrick's Day event in Champaign.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: Charleston Fire officials are encouraging parents to stick to safety when it comes to child car seats. By putting a sticker on the safety seat it can save rescuers a lot of time in the event of an accident.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: With St. Patrick's Day coming up law enforcement officials throughout the state say they will be cracking down on impaired drivers. The crack down will start tomorrow and last until March 17th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: The Charleston Police department is now accepting applications for its spring session of the Charleston Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. Sessions are every Wednesday and run for 10 weeks starting March 26th.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/14/08

Source: L

Description: With national average gas prices at almost \$3.25 a gallon local law enforcement says it may have to cut back on their driving.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: Arson could be the cause of a fire that destroyed the interior of a Champaign County post office. Five local fire departments responded to the call to help stop the blaze.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/17/08

Source: L

Description: The cause of a fire in Oakland has yet to be determined.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Transportation is spending about a million dollars to improve security measures across the state, mainly at rest stops.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: A Martinsville man has died after a crash in Cumberland County. Travis Gross was killed when the truck he was driving left the road, hit a culvert and overturned on a rural road in Cumberland County Monday night.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/18/08

Source: L

Description: A late winter storm appears to be the cause of a house fire in Oakland. Lightning is reported to have started the blaze.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/19/08

Source: L

Description: Areas of rural Shelby County are inundated with flood waters which have closed roads and kept sump pumps running all day.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/20/08

Source: L

Description: There is still no cause for a fire that damaged a local post office.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: The Urbana City Council is the next town to discuss the issue of banning cell phone usage while driving at their next meeting.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Police in Springfield have started a new program that when a teen driver gets a speeding ticket a letter will be sent home to their parents.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Firefighter crews had to act fast after arriving to a fire which was inches away from a propane tank. Neoga fire fighters doused the blaze and the propane tank did not explode.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: CSX officials are still investigating the cause of two train derailments in Edgar County. First the train derailed in Paris then the next day the same train jumped the tracks near Metcalf. The investigation has been turned over to the Federal Railroad Administration.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Department a camera will be patrolling the roads with the Moultrie County Sheriff and each deputy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: If you're driving through Christian County, Illinois Troopers warn to slow down or smile for the camera as they will be enforcing the work zone speeding law with a photo enforcement van.

Eastern Illinois University

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University students will pay a couple hundred dollars more a semester to live in the school's residence halls next year.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Students at Union University in Tennessee are asking for help. Their campus was hit by a tornado and now over 300 students are with out housing. Donations for those are in need are being accepted.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University is working on implementing a text message alert system to increase the ways it has to warn students in emergency situations.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University is reaching out to help students at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: Students returned to campus today at Northern Illinois University eleven days after the tragic shootings occurred in a Valentine's Day massacre.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: Last night students and faculty gathered in the University Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Junior University Union for a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of February 14th NIU tragedy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/03/08

Source: L

Description: An autopsy has been done but authorities do not know what caused the death of Mark Schwartz of Yorkville.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/21/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University announces Barbara Burke of the University of Wyoming as the new Panther Athletic Director. She replaces Rich McDuffie who was fired by the university last August.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University's One Campus, One Community is hosting the Biggest Baby Shower.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/26/08

Source: L

Description: Eastern Illinois University now has a new way to reach students in a time of crisis though the use of text messages.

Health

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/08/08

Source: L

Description: The month of January is National Blood Donor Month. Organizations across the nation are looking for people to donate blood.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/11/08

Source: L

Description: January is Radon Action Month and Illinois officials are reminding residence to check their homes. Starting this month, a new Illinois law requires anyone selling a home to provide information to the buyer about radon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: On January 1st, a new smoking ban took affect in Illinois. People cannot smoke in bars, restaurants, and other public workplaces. Businesses are having a hard time getting used to the new law and want some help enforcing it.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: A multi-million dollar cancer center opens in Terre Haute. The Hux Cancer Center will offer radiation therapy, medical oncology, clinical trials, a resource center, and nutrition services.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/14/08

Source: L

Description: Urbana blood services needs your help with blood donations.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: Lake Land College is now getting a new student fitness center.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/15/08

Source: L

Description: Champaign residents are concerned an area of town may be toxic. The site used to be a gas plant and the contamination is well below ground level and too far down to pose any potential health risks.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: Lake Land College's new student fitness center opened today.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/17/08

Source: L

Description: The Illinois Department of Public Health has received nearly 600 reports of people violating the state's new smoking ban.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/18/08

Source: L

Description: The Community Blood Services of Illinois say they're in desperate need of blood donors; specifically with type O negative and O positive.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Crawford Memorial Hospital says they plan to make their entire grounds smoke free by May 1st.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: A state program that expands drug abusers' treatment and recovery options will be tested in Vigo County.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: Carle Foundation Hospital of Urbana is announcing plans for a multi-million dollar expansion project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/21/08

Source: L

Description: A Champaign neighborhood hopes their campaigning will keep them healthy. Residents fear that the area is contaminated.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: The Kroger grocery store chain is voluntarily recalling their Deli Chef Tri-Bean salad do to potential bacterial contamination.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/30/08

Source: L

Description: A 40 million dollar project is underway at Decatur Memorial Hospital. On Tuesday, the hospital announced plans they will be adding three new buildings to their existing facility.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/31/08

Source: L

Description: An Effingham hospital is getting ready to unveil a 9 million dollar expansion to the public. The open house is set for February 14th at 2pm.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/04/08

Source: L

Description: The American Red Cross is looking for blood donations, especially of O negative. For a list of blood drives in your area log onto AmericanRedCrossBlood.org.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/07/08

Source: L

Description: The state of Illinois is urging seniors and those with disabilities to apply for the Circuit Breaker and Illinois Cares Rx programs.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/08/08

Source: L

Description: U of I recently discovered a mold outbreak at their Rare Book Library. About 15,000 of 300,000 books were found to have mold spores. The books are valued at over 1 billion dollars and are currently being cleaned along with the vault that houses them.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/13/08

Source: L

Description: The CDC says this is one of the worst flu seasons in years and it's not because of the weather. Different strands and a later start to the season created a dangerous flu season.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: Today St. Anthony Memorial Hospital unveiled their newly constructed southeast building.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: Health officials say nearly 4,000 Illinoisans are becoming infected with a deadly disease that fights off antibiotics. The Illinois Department of Public Health shows Methicilin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus infections have jumped 57% from 2002 to 2006. The infection is becoming more coming in smaller, rural hospitals.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: Efforts to amend the smoking ban have apparently failed. A legislative committee rejected two proposals to allow smoking in private clubs and veteran's halls.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/21/08

Source: L

Description: The flu vaccine will undergo a complete makeover for next fall. The new vaccine will have the ability to help protect against three new and different strains.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/22/08

Source: L

Description: University of Illinois Officials say contagious forms of meningitis did not cause the death of a student.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/15/08

Source: L

Description: The rare books library at the University of Illinois is closed for cleaning. Library officials say 15,000 books were found to have mold spores, those books are worth more than 1 billion dollars.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/28/08

Source: L

Description: University of Illinois officials are urging students not to share drinks or engage in behavior which will pass germs after a recent graduate's hospitalization with meningitis.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/29/08

Source: L

Description: Two cases of Meningococcal, bacterial, meningitis have been reported out of U of I.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/04/08

Source: L

Description: The Champaign-Urbana Public Health district is offering free flu shots to all residents 18 and over.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/05/08

Source: L

Description: Illinois State lawmakers say they don't plan on changing the state's smoking ban.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/06/08

Source: L

Description: A step towards legalization of marijuana is on its way to the Illinois General Assembly for approval. A state senate committee has voted to let people with debilitating illnesses like AIDs or cancer to ease their symptoms with medical marijuana.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/12/08

Source: L

Description: Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana plans to build a multi-million dollar facility to house programs to help children with hearing loss.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: Water supplies throughout Illinois are going under the microscope in response to the investigation by the Associated Press finding drugs detected in the drinking water supplies of 24 major metropolitan areas.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/24/08

Source: L

Description: Residents in Vigo County it is not too late to get flu shots, there are still multiple facilities giving out free flu shots.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/31/08

Source: L

Description: Taylorville Memorial Hospital's only obstetrician is stepping down, leaving residents in three counties without an obstetrician.

Consumer

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/16/08

Source: L

Description: Paris officials are hoping to put out the information about an electric municipality referendum. This would be the starting action to help elevate the ever growing cost of electricity in Paris.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/22/08

Source: L

Description: Passport Day at the VFW in Charleston runs from 10 until 3 on Thursday.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: A possible purchase upstate could cause major delays to downstate travelers. Canadian National Railroad is asking for approval from the federal government to purchase a rail line in the suburbs of Chicago. The purchase will cause a major rail link upstate to close detouring Amtrak traffic passengers across Illinois.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -1/25/08

Source: L

Description: Charleston officials have coined the idea to raise money for a historical event that happened 150 years ago. You can now pick up or drop off forms to purchase the limited edition Lincoln-Douglas debate commemorative coins.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/06/08

Source: L

Description: Voters voted no for the sports complex construction in Effingham. This was not a referendum vote only an advisory vote; so the city council moved onto solicit bids for the project.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/14/08

Source: L

Description: Urbana officials have a bright idea when it comes to recycling light bulbs. The city of Urbana is offering its residents the opportunity to recycle burned out florescent light bulbs that may contain dangerous mercury.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/18/08

Source: L

Description: Some business owners in Champaign are facing the possibility of substantial water rate increase. The county is proposing a 60% rate increase.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/25/08

Source: L

Description: In less than a year the T.V. industry will be switching from analog to digital signals.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -2/26/08

Source: L

Description: Work is underway in Sullivan to demolish a longtime landmark. The Old School Market is facing the wrecking ball to make space for a new business, CVS Pharmacy.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: A Hollywood film crew is heading to Decatur this spring. The Movie "The Informant" says parts of the movie about price fixing at Archer Daniels Midland in the 1990's will be filmed in Decatur in April and May.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/07/08

Source: L

Description: This Saturday you can train to become a judge for this October's Kansas City Barbecue Society competition in Arthur.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/10/08

Source: L

Description: Gas prices continue to rise. Local prices are 2.99 a gallon to 3.25 a gallon.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/13/08

Source: L

Description: Analysts say gas prices have climbed to their highest prices level ever.

Program title: NewsWatch

Time/Date: 1734 -3/25/08

Source: L

Description: Ameren Illinois Utilities is encouraging you to call them and take advantage of two new rate relief programs if you are behind in your electric bills.